

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

- 8/11 Bryan Winkenbach
- 8/13 Derek Edward Schloss
- 8/14 Breen Frazier
- David Kadue
- Laurel Sanders
- 8/16 Jura Adams Bailey
- Caryl Carothers
- Josiah Polhemus
- 8/17 Aidan Fedoroff
- Rev. Peggy Krong



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

† Benjamin Alanis who is an inpatient at Queen of the Valley Hospital in West Covina, CA.

Our prayers continue for those of our faith family in need of God’s healing touch:

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| Benjamin Alanis | Earl Ellis | Rita Ries |
| Rubina Andonian | Eva Hrachovec | Linda S. Spitzer |
| Polly Berger | Ian Hrachovec | Kuki Sullam |
| Susan Chapman | Nancy Immel | Amy Tan |
| Aiden Cohen Davis | Mark S. Jones Sr. | Ron Tranquilla |
| Christopher Davis | Nina Louie | Wes Truitt |
| | Queen Esther Rankins | |



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **Brentwood Presbyterian Church**. We pray for these congregations as others pray for us when the flame is here. The **Flame of Unity** is a symbol of our shared mission and service in Christ, appearing each week at one of the congregations of the Presbytery of the Pacific.

COMING UP

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| Sun. Aug. 10 | WPC Worship Service—
9th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:00am |
| Mon. Aug. 11 | Monday Nighters | 6:00pm |
| Sun. Aug. 17 | WPC Worship Service—
10th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:00am |
| | Family Beach Day | 10:00am-2:00pm |
| Wed. Aug. 20 | Women Reading | 7:30pm |
| Sat. Aug. 23 | Habitat ReBUILD Gathering | 2:00pm |
| Sun. Aug. 24 | WPC Worship Service—
WPC Chancel Choir Returns | 10:00am |
| | Ice Cream Social | 11:00am |
| | Church Directory Photo and Update Day | |

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Matthew Lewis, bass



NEWS & CONCERNS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

FAMILY BEACH DAY —NEXT SUNDAY!



WPC Families are invited to a Back-to-School Beach Day **next Sunday from 10:00am-2:00pm**. Come fellowship and worship together at the beach! And if sand is not your thing, no sweat! **There will also still be regular worship in the Sanctuary at 10:00am.**

In sun and sea, song and scripture, let's have some relaxing fun, connect and

honor the majesty of God's creation! All are welcome! We hope you can join us!

Meet at Will Rogers Beach at 17700 Pacific Coast Highway (Parking Lots 1, 3 and 5) near lifeguard tower #6. Bring a towel, swimsuit, picnic lunch, hats and your reusable water bottles!

FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT
—IMPORTANT REMINDER

Faith, Search, & Support will meet today in Hoffman Hall.

WPC VISITOR WELCOME TABLE —*TODAY!*



New to WPC? Interested in learning more? Check out the new “welcome table” on the Side Porch in our fellowship time following worship. Materials about our church and our faith will be available. Membership & Fellowship

Committee members and staff are available for questions - and all our members are encouraged to welcome visitors and invite them to the table!

MONDAY NIGHTERS —*TOMORROW!*



Join us as we celebrate the Hatch Batch softball team. **Tomorrow evening at 6:00pm** we will gather at the Chakoian-Shustitzky home for hot dogs and cheers. Our team made it to the play-offs and our summer Monday Nighter crowd is very proud of the players (and the cheerleaders too!).

Sign up online at westwoodpres.org or on the Side Porch today and let us know what you would like to bring to share. Hotdogs (including vegan), buns, and condiments will be provided. The church office will send out an email with the address to those who signed up by tomorrow morning.

FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT —*NEW BOOK*



Starting Sunday, August 31, our Faith, Search & Support class will dive into *Blessed One: Protestant Perspectives on Mary*, an engaging collection of essays edited by Beverly Roberts Gaventa and Cynthia L. Rigby. This study invites us to revisit the figure of Mary not as a distant icon, but as a vibrant theological presence whose witness speaks powerfully into questions of faith, discipleship, and embodiment.

Books will be available for purchase on the Side Porch today for \$20. All are warmly welcome to join the conversation. Come with curiosity and an open heart!



ESPERANZA BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Praise report! Mission & Outreach collected and delivered 177 backpacks for Esperanza Elementary School. Lots of socks and other school supplies were dropped off as well. Principal Brad Rumble said it was awesome! A big thanks to all who donated items or wrote checks. Your ongoing support encourages the education of young lives!

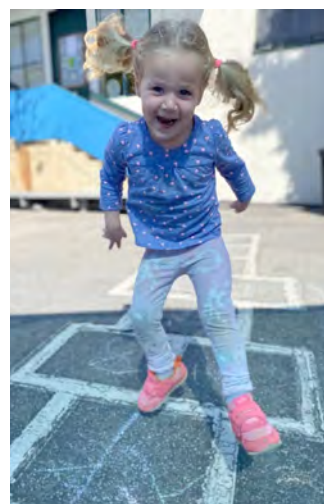
HABITAT REBUILD GATHERING —*SATURDAY, AUGUST 23*



Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles will be hosting a wildfire relief information gathering for local congregations on **Saturday, August 23 from 2:00pm-4:00pm**, in Hoffman Hall. Attendees will have the chance to learn more about Habitat LA's mission, with a focus on the multiyear Habitat ReBUILD LA initiative they

launched following January's devastating wildfires. Come and learn more about how you can be involved in Habitat's ReBUILD efforts through volunteering, outreach, supporting families in need, and through a special matching fundraising opportunity. No RSVP needed; just come to learn and find out how you can get involved!

WELCOME BACK PRESCHOOL FAMILIES



The sounds of laughter and exuberance fill our school as the new year begins! The children are getting acquainted with each other, their new routines, their teachers, classrooms, and play yards.

As the weeks continue, our amazing educators will be developing curriculum based on the children's individual goals and interests.

If you want to learn more about WPC Preschool or know someone who is interested in enrolling, please visit our website wpcpreschool.com, and sign up for a tour. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Marin Miller, our Director of Children & Family Ministry too!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL —*SUNDAY, AUGUST 24*



Join us after worship in Hoffman Hall on **Sunday, August 24**, for an Ice Cream Social courtesy of Children & Family Ministries! It will be a great time to enjoy some summertime treats with friends, and it's an important opportunity for our kids to model Jesus's teachings by serving others before themselves. If you know kids who would like to volunteer, contact Marin Miller at mmiller@westwoodpres.org.

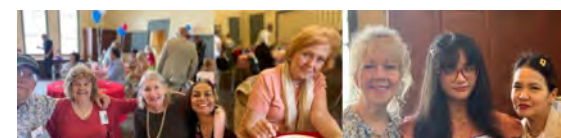
WPC CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO AND UPDATE DAY —*SUNDAYS AUGUST 24, 31, AND SEPTEMBER 7*



Can you believe it's been ten years since we last updated our church directory, including photos and contact information? Volunteers and staff will be in Hoffman Hall on **Sundays August 24, 31 and September 7 after worship** to assist you with providing updated contact information (including emergency contacts).

You will have the opportunity to have a new photo taken for the online church directory! If you participate on August 24, your photo will qualify to be "touched up" by an experienced photographer! Please contact Sarah Davis at sdavis@westwoodpres.org with any questions.

HOMECOMING —*SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7*



Save the date to celebrate our annual **Homecoming on Sunday, September 7**. Join us for fames, lunch, and fellowship as we kick off the new program year. More details coming soon. Stay tuned!

WPC HOMECOMING



WPC UPDATED THE GATE AND DOOR KEY CODES

WPC continues to work to keep our campus secure. We have updated our gate and door codes for the new program year. **If you are an elder or deacon, or if you volunteer and arrive before staff**, please contact our Director of Operations, Sarah Davis at sdavis@westwoodpres.org to obtain the new codes.

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